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EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILLED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

The Senate and the Tenure-of-Office Law.

From the N. Y. Herald. A radical caucus of the Senate has decided upon the postponement of the repeal or modification of the Tenure-of-Office law...

But the simple question is whether the new President or the Senate shall be master over his department, or whether Grant shall occupy the executive status of Lincoln or be put in the straight jacket of Johnson...

So long as this law stands we shall have a feeble, lax, and inefficient administration of the civil service, no matter who may be President. It is utterly impossible for such a body as the Senate to investigate, with intelligence and to any purpose, the reasons for the removal of a public officer...

The Mammoth Frauds. Did you ever know an active Democratic politician who either proposed or urged the effective prevention of fraudulent voting?

The Senate and Removals from Office. Why do not some Senators bring in a bill to abolish the office of President and declare the Senate, or rather the dominant party majority of the Senate, to be the executive power in the Government?

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from each State taking charge of those within that State. The refusal to repeal the Tenure-of-Office law, which was passed solely because the President and the Senate were not in political sympathy...

We have already more than once shown how fatal such a course would be to all the hopes of reform in the civil service which General Grant's election has inspired throughout the country...

This is precisely what the Tenure-of-Office bill does. Its original enactment was justified solely by the plea that the political hostility between President Johnson and Congress rendered their harmony of action impossible...

The whole thing is preposterous and absurd. It deprives General Grant of all ability to do the very work which he was elected to perform, and which the people expect at his hands—the purification of the public service from the corruption and inefficiency which have disgraced and degraded it so long...

These men thoroughly know, and have long known, that the Democratic vote is systematically swelled, especially in their strongholds, by the ballots of non-residents, minors, aliens, "repeaters," and others...

But the Democratic managers were early apprized that no ordinary amount of cheating would serve their turn—that, to take the State from General Grant, they must cheat by tens of thousands...

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So we might go on for hours; but to what end? It is just as well known among the Democratic politicians of this city that they swindled General Grant out of the vote of this State as that General Lee surrendered to him at or near Appomattox Court-House...

Retirement of President Johnson. It is seemingly to pay a parting tribute to Mr. Johnson on his departure from private life, this is perhaps as suitable a time as could be selected...

The horror and funeral pageantry which attended Mr. Johnson's sudden accession cast forward a ghastly shadow upon his whole administration...

No combination of circumstances could have been more unfavorable to the free exertion of Mr. Johnson's faculties. He was from the first hour a President only in name. The badges of public mourning, displayed on every dwelling in the land...

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